Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 18 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 17 Dec 2020 at 15:47 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for general weather, becoming Low from Monday. Medium in cloud amounts.

Headline for Friday 18 Dec 2020: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Gales over the summits.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 18 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
50%	20%	20%	30%	70%	60%	70%	40%

Forecast for Friday 18 Dec 2020

Weather: Mainly dry with some clearer spells overnight. Any early brightness will soon fade, mostly cloudy with outbreaks of rain and drizzle. The rain heavy and persistent at times, particularly in the afternoon and early evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Nil to 30%, extensive cloud, base 600 to 900m. Best chance overnight and early in the day.

Visibility: Moderate or poor in rain and drizzle and very poor at height. Mainly very good overnight and during the morning.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	40/53 S	37/50 SW	39/52 S	34/47 S	40/56 S	40/57 S	34/49 S	30/43 S	30/42 S
900	42/53 S	36/45 S	36/45 S	35/45 S	42/56 S	36/49 S	31/43 S	23/34 SW	28/39 S
600	27/38 S	20/29 SW	16/26 S	20/29 S	29/42 S	22/34 S	19/31 S	15/26 S	17/29 S
300	13/31 S	9/24 SW	7/19 S	5/11 S	14/32 S	13/29 S	10/24 S	10/22 S	11/24 S
Glen	5/24 SW	4/20 SW	4/20 S	3/13 S	7/27 S	5/23 S	6/22 S	4/18 S	6/21 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-8	0/-8	0/-8	0/-8	1/-7	2/-6	2/-6	1/-6	-0/-8
900	5/-2	4/-2	5/-1	4/-2	5/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-1	3/-3
600	7/2	7/2	7/3	6/2	7/2	8/3	7/3	6/3	6/1
300	8/5	8/6	7/5	7/5	9/6	9/7	9/7	8/5	7/4
Glen	9/7	9/7	8/6	7/6	10/7	11/9	10/8	9/7	8/5
Freezing Level*	1800m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1800m	1900m	1800m	1600m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Navigational difficulties expected to develop at height due to low cloud. Buffeting in gale force winds. Gusts of around 70mph possible over the Cairngorm Plateau.

Forecast for Saturday 19 Dec 2020

Weather: Rather cloudy with occasional bright or clear spells and showers, the showers falling as snow over the summits. The showers continuing through the evening with snow over the summits.

Maximum wind: South or Southwest 25 to 35mph gusting 50mph with a significant wind chill.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%, extensive or occasional cloud, base 700 to 1000m

Visibility: Mostly very good, but moderate in showers and poor or very poor at times over the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 to 8 Celsius
At 800m: Around 1 Celsius
Freezing level: Around 1000m.

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